

Chairman Crowley called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. Present for today's meeting were Commissioner Falstad, Vice-chairman Bluemke and Commissioner Schoepke. Secretary Richards could not attend today's meeting. Others present: Val Ramos, Airport Administration; Kurt Stanich, Airport Operations Assistant; Andrew Groth, Control Tower; Bob Neumann, BC Wings; Karl Forston, BC Wings; Bill Luterbach, BC Wings; Brian Nahey, BC Wings; Harry Becker, Atlantic Aviation; Ray Dalman, Atlantic Aviation; Marc DeVillers, Milwaukee Regional Medical Center; Megan Sprager, County Executive's Office; and Rodney Carter, U S Cellular attorney.

Chairman Crowley said the first items addressed at today's meeting would be items 3 and 6.

Discussion and action on hangar construction plans for 2741 Aviation Drive by BC Wings –

Present for this action item was Bob Neumann, Carl Forston, Bill Luterbach and Brian Nahey. Mr. Neumann, who reviewed the plans with the Commission, said BC Wings is proposing to construct a 120 foot by 80-foot hangar and later enlarge it to 120 by 120. BC Wings is requesting a variance to the Corporate Hangar Area Covenants for hangar size. Chairman Bluemke asked if a sprinkler system was going to be installed, the reply was no. Mr. Stanich said the storm water requirements are contingent upon the Commission's approval of the variance. (At 12:28 p.m., Commissioner Falstad arrived at the meeting.) A motion to approve the variance request and proposed hangar construction plans by BC Wings contingent upon all the necessary requirements by the city, county and state, execution of the land lease and any other recommendations that may be requested of BC Wings was made by Vice-chairman Bluemke with a second by Commissioner Schoepke. The motion passed.

Discussion and action on a height limitation variance request from Payne & Dolan for a 172 foot tall tower at W230 N233 Wolf Road –

Mr. Carter, attorney for Payne & Dolan addressed the Commission. The Tower was built on Payne & Dolan property in 1987. U S Cellular owns the tower which also provides communication transmission service for Homeland Security, AT&T, and medical pagers (Warden Communications). Mr. Carter said this tower has not posed a hazard in the past 20 years. To take the tower down and relocate somewhere else will not be easy since there is no other site in the vicinity that is compatible. Mr. Carter asked the Commission to approve the variance request since this has co-existed successfully with the airport for the past 20 years. Chairman Crowley asked the two pilot's on the Commission for their thoughts. Vice-chairman Bluemke said the airspace design is protected to prevent accidents. He said pilots have to worry about obstructions, and these are very critical to aircraft safety. Vice-chair Bluemke said the instrument approach from the east has the highest minimums, perhaps because of the tower. Mr. Groth, Tower, said there is no instrument approach to runway 28. He said the non-directional beacon is out of commission and the FAA will have a new approach in 2009. This tower does have an impact on a future precision approach. Commissioner Schoepke agreed with Vice-chairman Bluemke and Mr. Groth and said it would be a liability to allow this variance. Vice-chairman Bluemke said this has always been a problem but not brought before the Commission. Mr. Stanich reviewed some of the tower history with the Commission. The tower penetrates the HLZO by 122 feet. The tower was constructed in 1987 without prior review by the County Parks and Land Use. The Height Limitation Zoning Ordinance was enacted by the County in 1964. In 1995 the 1964 HLZO ordinance was repealed and recreated as currently written. The FAA does show our airspace to runway 28 as being protected for a future precision instrument approach. He commented that this tower also affects current departure minimums for runway 10. Based on the information presented by Mr. Carter and the Commission, Chairman Crowley asked for a motion. Commissioner Schoepke moved to deny the variance request by Payne & Dolan with a second by Vice-chairman Bluemke. Motion passed. Request denied.

Approve/modify meeting minutes of June 25, 2008 July 9, 2008 – A motion was made by Vice-chairman Bluemke to approve the minutes of June 25, 2008 and July 9, 2008 with a second by Commissioner Falstad. The motion passed.

Public comment/correspondence – None

Discussion and action on creating a Communications and Public Relations Subcommittee –

Chairman Crowley said he met with the County Executive and discussed marketing and public relations for the airport, and was informed that the County does have a marketing committee for the airport. Megan Sprager, County Executive's office, said two years ago the County Executive asked for an airport marketing development plan and would like to move ahead with this project. The Commission's involvement in this project is welcome. Commissioner Schoepke said the County Executive's office has the resources to tie in with the Community and move forward to market the airport. Vice-chairman Bluemke asked Mrs. Sprager what she needed from the Commission to promote the airport. She will work on updating the plan and get back to the Commission. Commissioner Falstad said one Commissioner should attend these meetings to assure the airport's representation. Commissioner Schoepke and Vice-chairman Bluemke recommended Commissioner Falstad to represent the Commission at these meetings and give an update at the next meeting. Since the County already has a committee to market the Airport, the Commission said creating another committee would just be a duplication. No action taken.

Discussion and action on creating a Safety & Security Subcommittee – Vice-chairman Bluemke said Secretary Richards was very interested in creating this subcommittee. Vice-chairman Bluemke, with a second from Commissioner Schoepke, made the motion to create a safety and security subcommittee and to appoint Secretary Richards as chair. The motion passed.

Chairman's report – None.

Airport Manager's report – Mr. Stanich said he would deliver the approved plans for BC Wings to the City this afternoon. The Airport will hold a city wide emergency drill at 5 p.m. on September 17, 2008 and that the airport would be closed during this time. He extended an invitation for the Commissioners to attend this event. Mr. Stanich informed the Commission that Atlantic Aviation updates the administration office with fuel prices at the airport.

Future Commission agenda items – None

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice-chairman Bluemke with a second by Commissioner Falstad. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Next Commission Meeting: October 8, 2008.

Respectfully submitted

Michael A Crowley
Chairman
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